SECTION 12

12.01 **GENERAL**:

An Integrated Water System is defined by state regulation as two or more public water systems, one of which is a supply system, whose distribution systems are physically connected and are being operated using a common set of standards for the purposes of maintaining and protecting drinking water quality. Denver Water's goal is to treat all Distributors and their customers as part of an Integrated Water System. However, in order to be included in Denver Water's Integrated Water System, a Distributor must have a Total Service Contract, or must satisfy Denver Water's Operating Rules and these Engineering Standards. A Distributor who fails to maintain its water distribution system in accordance with these Engineering Standards may be designated as a Consecutive System and will be responsible for meeting water quality testing and reporting requirements.

These Standards apply inside the City and County of Denver and throughout the areas served under Total Service contracts. These Standards also apply to those Master Meter and Read and Bill Distributors that are classified as part of the Integrated Water System by Water Sales.

These Standards emphasize planned/preventive maintenance to avoid water quality problems, but by themselves do not guarantee compliance with State of Colorado and Federal regulations.